

*APPOINTMENT OF HEARING AUTHORITY
AND DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY
TO ADOPT DECISIONS*

I, John A. Wagner, Director of the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), appoint Manuel A. Romero, Chief Administrative Law Judge (CALJ) of the CDSS State Hearings Division, as the hearing authority to hear and decide cases pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code (W&IC) §10950 for the CDSS and the California Department of Health Care Services (CDHCS). This appointment shall include delegation of my authority to adopt final decisions, to adopt proposed decisions, to issue alternate decisions, to order further hearings, and to act upon requests for rehearings.

Pursuant to W&IC §10966, I delegate to CDSS Administrative Law Judges I and II's the authority to adopt final decisions. This authority shall not extend to any of the particular cases identified in the attached *Addendum to Delegation of Authority to Issue Final Decisions*.

Pursuant to W&IC §10966 and W&IC §10959, I delegate to CDSS ALJ II's (Supervisors and Specialists) the power to adopt proposed decisions, to issue alternate decisions, to order further hearings, and to grant rehearings.

Pursuant to W&IC §10966(c)(3), the CALJ is authorized to update the *Addendum to Delegation of Authority to Issue Final Decisions* as necessary to implement revisions by CDHCS or CDSS program deputies. The CALJ is also authorized to issue an designation of delegation that identifies each individual CDSS ALJ I and ALJ II (Supervisors and Specialists) that I have delegated the power to adopt decisions as specified herein. A copy of this delegation shall accompany each designation of delegation issued by the CALJ.

This appointment and delegation shall be effective until withdrawn in writing.

Date:

5/23/08


JOHN A. WAGNER, Director

California Department of Social Services